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July 28, 2003
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

DAVID BALABAN et al.

Application No.: 09/397,494

Filed: September 15, 1999

For: COMPUTER BASED METHOD
FOR PROVIDING A LABORATORY
INFORMATION MANAGEMENT
SYSTEM

Examiner: Jeffrey R. West

Technology Center/Art Unit: 2857

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION
Mailed March 28, 2003

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 28, 2003, please enter the following amendments and remarks. A petition for a one month extension of time to respond is filed herewith.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 5 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 8 of this paper and include three attached replacement sheets.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.

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